

classes had to be reserved. The auction sale of the remaining area viz., 300.30 acres of land was arranged to be held on 25-9-1105 (*vide* notification published in the Gazette, dated 3-9-1105).

*Appointment of Senior Overseers of P. W. D.
as Maramat Circle Officers.*

363. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the object of Mr. Natesa Aiyar, the then Maramat Engineer in appointing as Maramat Circle Officers, Senior Overseers from the P. W. D.; and

(b) if it was for the efficient working of the Department, why and when that principle was given up?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) There are no records to show that the Senior Overseers of the P. W. D. alone were recruited as Maramat Circle Officers. P. W. D. Officers with experience were being recruited by Mr. Natesa Aiyar when suitable men were not available in the Maramat Department.

(b) The above principle has not been given up.

Senior Executive Engineer.

364. **MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how long it is since the present senior Executive Engineer was appointed to that post?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to page 273, Part II of the *Quarterly Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Kumbham 1105.

President, Trivandrum Municipal Council.

365. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the present President of the Trivandrum Municipality was appointed to that office;

(b) the period for which he was so appointed; and

(c) whether there is any G. O. regarding the appointment of the President and, if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the same on the table?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 25th November 1926.

(b) No period was specified for the appointment.

(c) Yes; copy* of G. O. R. O. C. No. 1801/26/L. G., dated the 25th November 1926 on the subject is laid on the table.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether there was any other President of the Trivandrum Municipality who was continued in this office for a longer time than the present President?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it was due to any particular qualification of the present president in municipal administration that he was appointed as president?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): As the financial arrangements of the municipality were found to be defective, Government thought that an Account Officer would be better fitted to effect some reforms in that direction. It was with that object that the present President was appointed at that time.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): My question is whether it was due to any particular qualification of the present individual in municipal administration that he was appointed.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He knew account matters. It was then considered by Government that an Account Officer would be best fitted to deal with the irregularities and defects in maintaining accounts in the municipality and also in the matter of checking of receipts and expenditure.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Is that so?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the knowledge in account matters alone will go to make up an expert in municipal administration?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That may also form part of the qualifications of an officer to be an expert.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it was not the practice formerly to appoint an officer from the Revenue Department as the President of the Trivandrum Municipality?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There were some presidents who were appointed from the Revenue Department.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether it was not invariably the practice of the Government to appoint persons from the Revenue Department as Presidents of the Trivandrum Municipality?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That was the case in former years.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Then, may I know why the Government departed from that practice?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is exactly what I have already stated.

Complaints against the Tahsildar, Minachil taluk.

366. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any complaint against Mr. N. S. Raman Pillai, Tahsildar, Minachil taluk, or against his staff or against both;

Appendix XLVII.

Vide Answer to Question No. 365.

R. O. C. No. 1801/26/L. G.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 25th November 1926.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The President,
Municipal Council,
Trivandrum.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter R. O. C. No. 1801/26/L. G., dated the 13th November 1926, I have the honour to inform you that Government sanction the appointment of Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Divisional Treasury Officer, now Ag. Assistant Account Officer, as President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum, until further orders, *vice* Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi reverted to his substantive appointment. The Account Officer has been requested to relieve him immediately.

I have etc.,

Sd/--- K. GEORGE,

Chief Secretary to Government

Appendix XLVIII.

Vide Answer to Question No. 374.

Statement, by caste, of appointments both permanent and temporary carrying a pay of Rs. 15 and over made by the present Excise Commissioner since his assuming charge of his office up to the 1st Dhanu 1105.

	Permanent	Acting.
Brahmins (others.)	2	5
Nayars	7	21
Ezhavas	2	2
Nadars	...	1
Other Hindus	...	1
Vellalas	2	..
Mahomedans	2	3
Protestants	...	2
Latin Catholics	1	2
Syrian Catholics	...	...
Jacobites	...	2
Marthomites	1	3
Total	17	42